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## PENSION OFFICE SCANDALS.

It will hardly be possible for the Adneintetration to dispose of the current Persten Office scandals by dismissing them as "Democratic ites." The chief vehicle of these scandals is no less an organ than the New York Tribung-an organ which, since Mr. Reld's appointment to France, has been the most subservient of partisans. That paper found no fault with the Speaker's brutal tyranny with little Mr. Lopon's Force bill, or even with old Jo. Carren's brodlemism. From which we have every right to conclude that its stometh would do honor to an estrich. But the Tribuns has not been able to swallow the Pension Office busiress, and it says so much with a vigor and an emphasis which may fairly be called weird.

A discriminating public will draw the inference that things in the Penston Office must be very, very crooked if the Tribune feels it necessary to make such a noisy entery over them. Indeed, the Tribune charges cutright rascality ngainst the Chief of the Board of Review, and says that this rescality has been condoned by both the Commissioner and the Sceretary. It is hardly suppossible that, this charge can be wholly groundless. And, in that view of the matter, what is to be said of Mr. Speaker REED's very palpable efforts to delay and embarrass the investigation?

### WANTS TO REFORM ITSELF.

There is food for thought, and a good deal of it, in the announcement recently made from across the water, that the British aristocracy, under the immediste supervision of the Queen, is enguged in the organization of a movement to purify itself. The crying seandals that have disgraced many of the oldest, and in times past, the most benered names in Eaglish history, and the lax morals practiced by too large a number of the class from whom better things might reasonably be expected have alarmed an element of the nobill's is to an effort to save itself from the social corruption that seems to be its mest prominent, as it is its most disreputable, feature. The plan proposed by the dukes and the duchesses, the lerds and the ladies, the knights and the dames, to effect this reformation, is to rewrite the rules governing society and to make them very strict in their provisions. Under these rules persons who practice vice in any form will be estracised, unless they show signs of actual reformation, in which case encouraging recognition will be offered diet himself. them. The outcome of this movement to enforce in English society the hemely old sdage that "handsome is semuster us that way. as handsome does," remains to be seen. That the intention is good, no one will deny, nor that there is a prime necessity for the movement. But the sinners to be reformed are as blue blooded as the saints who mean to do the reforming, and, more's the pity, there seems to be about as many of the first as of the

### IN MISSISSIPPL

We offer to our esteemed Republican contemporaries the suggestion that they wait for the result of the Constitutional Convention, now sitting to Mississippi, instead of flying into a fury of indignation over what, in their opinion, may be done. The people of Mississippi are attacking the same problem which, quite recently, has engaged the patriotic energies of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Indiana and other States. They are trying to protect the ballot as against ignorance and vice, and to preserve the integrity of our free and glerieus institutions. The great comn onwealths named above have found if becomey to enact conservative laws in this terrect-why should Mississippi he censured for following their exnample?

If Massachusetts has discovered dangerous and forbidding factor in her political equation, how likely that Misslistppi may have done likewise! If the ballot-box in one part of the country needs new and more formidable safeguards, why not in another part as well? The ignorant foreign vote in Massachusetts presents no uglier menace than the ignerant negro vote of Mississippi. The interests at stake in one State are no. more imminent and sucred than those at stake in the other. The future of the nation depends upon the intelligence and pairfotism of its people. Why should not intelligence and patriolism dendrate at the South as well as at the

It is perfectly safe to go further and to venture the prediction that the people of Mississippi, having the same problem as had the people of Massachurette, will arrive at practically the some solution. The Australian bullot system contains all the remodles and safeguards that are requisite in either case. It does not restrict or curtail the right of suffrage. It does not say that this man or that man shall be prevented from voting. It simply prescribes a method of excepting the suffrage. Any one may qualify blussif to follow this method, and we think it will hardly be dealed that those who refuse or neglect to acquire such qualification are unworthy to take past in the government of the Republic

An we see it, Mississippt is simply leading in a movement which all of the Southern States must, sooner or later, participate in. She is preparing for that disintegration of the old party atructure which all of us now recognize as brevitable in the near future, and the

THE DAILY CRITIC men who have once redeemed the State from the regime of Ignorance and vice while before they lay down their trusts.

> As the supposed windles to its close, the man who have been consplexous in Republican leadership begin to wear a most undescrable appearance. They set out with a display of arrogance unpuralleled in our history, but to day we find them on the defensive. Speaker figure has found it necessary to send a swarm of party orators and workers to his District. Jo Cast-22 | Non is getting unwelcome criticism not to say abuse from ball the Repuls-Hean papers in his bulliwick. Gros-VENOR has been shelved, and little Mr. Longs is fluttering about on a wing o more or less pitiful apology. They do not look big In the clear light of melarge at first.

An linings man one night last week acted it gues and placing it in the ands of 12 year old you instructed him to watch the watermelon patch and shoot any person he saw in It. Then the old man dressed himself and shortly afterward appeared in the watermelon patch and was just about to break open a melon, when his too-obedient son emptied both barrels of the loaded gun-Into his father's body, fatally injuring

A CHICAGO PAPER announced in Its morning edition that Senator PARWELL was a hopeless invalid and would shortly resign his Senatorship. In the evening it stated, among its news, that Mr. FARWELL was rapidly recovering his health and had no intention of retiring from public life.

SINCE THE AFFAIR on the floor of the House, last week, nobody seeks reputation at the Cannon's mouth. The toughest old soldiers at the Capitol say that they must draw the line some

OLD JO CANNON Is beginning to hear from home.

### HALF CHAFF, HALF LAUGH

BY T. L. M'INTONE.

The bené is the hugliost animal in crea

Dritgis on his person-The fattooed A wood-bee thirf-He who steals wild

with the emalipex is to b Httlled.

It is the cooper who does a "staying The sound of church bells is in-spire-ring

With the funnte-canning it me it is matter of "put up or shut up."

Are \$10 gold pieces called eagles because bey are so cagle y sought after?

A Turkish bath-room should be nicely consisted, but it is no piace for a frieze, Another baseball manipulator killed by his own battery. Poor slain pitcher!

"Yes." remarked a man as he left a dime nuseum, "fruly this is a freak country." A sporting barsar on receiving a new supply of air guns announces them as fresh as

A young hely named Eats Money re cently married her cousin, John Moneysmall change.

If a man loss a red moustache, and is dissatisfied with it, the best thing to do is to

Can a man at the circus who does the aerial flying act" be called a vagrant be ause he has no visible means of support?

stress would be a sesmon-at least

Mr. Smiles-Mrs. Hashington, I don't find any vegetables in this "vegetable Mrs. Hashington-No, I put none in it. I

regard such things as soup-erduous, "Say, Tom, how are you going to spend

"Guess I'll go ou an excursion." "So? Which line will you take!" "Fishing line, I reckon,"

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Hetropolitan-Edward Watson and nicce, disa M. Dunbert, New Orleans: T. B. Bal-antyne and wife, Norfolk, Va.; Henry Flesch, New York.

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Willard's-A. Hopkins, Guy Hopkins New Orleans, W. C. Harris, Boston: F. F Kilbery, Lowell, Mass.; I. H. Fisher, I. Benson, New York; F. M. Karle, Mexico

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Normanistic-General W. J. Sewell, New Jursey; Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones, Belaware, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Price, Louislans. Ebbits—General H. L. Abbott, U. S. Army; D. H. Cushing, Springfield, Ohio; iscocral D. H. Hastings, Hellefonte, Pa.; A. H. Turnar, je., Roston, Mass. In-partial—J. H. Heller, Oklahosua Territory, James Wilson and Joseph Manulug. New York.

Hotel Johnson-George H. Culver, Otto Muller, New York, M. H. Bobinson, S. W. Culver, T. Gerry, Beston Mass.

### SLANT-BYED CUPID

They say Sir Edwin Arnold has become in-With a dear and dainty maiden out in Tokio, Japan:
And the conqueror of fame, by tributes almosticly safed.
Has been conquered by the field of Love,
like any other man.

He has fived with both her parents, in the quarter they call "Native." And topost the rudiments of classic Eng-

magic o'er him.
And his mind is surely fulling; be'il be

CIRLY IN A YEAR. But this talk is after normans, his rela-Can't drag the peerless post from that sweet and entary clims. He will have the little maiden, and we trust

In the merry month of May, in the year of our Lord 1884, about as unpromising a party of harn stormers as ever counted railroud ties under the pseudonym of an opera troupe, invaded. the boards at Ford's Opera House in this city. Who was the "main-guy" on the male end of the cast, or the bost female falily on the distuff side, at this distance of time deponent is unable to state. Suffice it to say that one night they valorously gave the "Maxest," and

there came upon the stage a plump and piquant little person, who soon, in

AMUSEMENTS.

Fay Templeton at Albangh's.

more ways than one, became a revela-Her make up was an inspired epic of rags; her voice. In singing or speaking, a liquid, velvery and delicious, sometuner—there mighty men who seemed so | thing somewhere between a coo and a nrgle; her long, sloe black eyes all n the ivery paller of her aval face had the languors of the odalisque in their half velled fires; from the pictures; u-embrasures of her ranged gown peepes curves of Phidian perfection, and when later she stood confessed in the full ry of tights and trunks, her shapely ether limbs were very symphonies and

The rather chuckle-headed tenor per son who played and sang at Pippo was tubjected to a course of wholly maddening amatory proceedings by this seductive young woman that filled all the men in the audience with a wild desire to imbrue their hands in his gore. He was petted and patted and enddled and coved to till the foolish shepherd looked more foolish than ever, and the male idience, as one man, rushed insanely forth at the entracte to drown their un availing sorrows in drink.

The meteoric and volcanic little Genius like hers soon for its billet. In less than a year as the saucy Gabriel of the rejuvenated "Evangeline" she was the sensation and sovereign of New York dudedom. since then she has gone forth conquer ing and to conquer and comes back t the city of that shabby debut of alx years ago crowned with laurels and encrusted with diamonds. View La Templeton! View L'Andace!

It is with a purpose that she is thus copiously described as of that time, for, despite the cynicism of a somewhat famous metropolitan critic, such as she was then, with an added touch of enpoint and diablerie, she is now. It is not a very wholesome art. It is not even suggestive, as has been said of it, because, in sooth, the art, as truly the artist, leaves but little to suggest. But no one who last night saw her Spanish dance can doubt that as the acme of mere physical allurement, stage art can scarcely further go. She has chosen her line, or rather Na-ture has chosen it for her, and within its limitations she stands without a

Of Bendrik Hudson, the burlesque of Messis Gill and Fraser, which is male the excuse for introducing this pho-nomenal act to the public, it is better and worse by turns than the standard burlevque of commerce. There are voses of undentable fun and originality interspersed with dreary wastes of du-ress and drivel. Mr. Stevens is a comedlan of rather more than ordinary versatisfy and humor, and the drolleries of his Kill can Kull, editor of the New Amsterdam Kicker, are ably seconded Mr. Wheelen as the Marquis Per-cto, and Messrs. Edwards and Kirke

as the amusing Deputy Sheriffs.

Miss Toma Hanlon, as the Indian
Princess, Miss Randolph as the late C.
Columbus, and Miss Newham, in a
clever dance, all pleasantly distinguished themselves, and, what with pretty girls, not too severely sequestered from the public gaze, with songs, dances, guys, jokes, bright costumes
The proper companion in life for a seammay as well be admitted to have dis covered the river which bears his name even if he will never be suspected of setting it on fire. The merry burlesque will hold the ample boards of the opera-house, doubtless to continued large houses, every evening and at the

usual matinees throughout the week. "U and I" at the National, "The air hath bubbles as the water hath, and these are of them," might have been written of the class of plays, or at least productions, to which the so-called "musical satire" of Mr. Gus Williams and his more or less able, and therefore culpable, companions in crime undoubtedly belongs. The passing foible of the day, the passing laugh of an idle hour, it perhaps answers as well the purpose for which it was constructed as anything which could possibly have been constructed for the purpose. The humor of the modern apartment house is an alluring theme for the farcical satirist, and has unquestionably

not herein been slighted. Mr. Williams, as a dialect comedian of approved worth and merit, has long eujoyed too wide spread popularity for further praise than that his German professor of music is fully up to the wark of his unvarying excellence. Mr. Kelly contributes no little fun of robus variety, as the occentric Irishman, and the Janitor, the Policeman, the Muid of all Work, and the other ever present components' of apartment house existetce, are all done to the life by Mesars.
Courtwright Kelly Hess, and the Misses
Zetla. Boscheil, West and Leyton.
Bright music, brisk dancing and rousing fun, in short, combine to make of
"U and I" the paradoxical, ungrammatical and wholly enjoyable success it was intended to be, and so voted by the

large audience of last evening. Harris' Bijon Theatre. A growded house greeted the first appearance in Washington of Miss Mohawk, the Indian actress, at Harris' Theatre last night. The play was "The Indian Mail Carrier," and is a horder drama especially adapted to the abilities of the star. Miss Mohawk as Wep to no mad, the Indian mail carrier, gave a vivid portrayal of the part and was repeatedly app'anded. The play is full of exciting situations of the stereotyped indian order, and was thoroughly appraciated by the audience. The compreciated by the audience. The com-pany supporting Miss Mohawk is an excellent one, and carned the applicant that was freely bestowed upon it.

Kernan's Theatre. Manager Kernan last night presented the Fay-Poster English Galety Company as the attraction at his house during the present week. The company is a good one, and comprises a number And white she gazed upon him with her looks so contemplative.

He hereof, without half trying, all the mysteries of love.

Now his daughter (she's a spinsfer), his relations who adore him Now his draughter (she's a spinster), his re-lations who adore him

For the norms he will heavy them, when he cuits this naughty sphere.

Say this driving little hoyden casts aspell of

Was excellently received. Miss Vi-Clifton, on old time favorite, warmly granted, and there was was excellently received. Miss Viola Clifton, an old time favorite, was on the sundeville stage. Her singing and dencing was like old wine improved with are, and she made many new admirers. Boran and Kerwan, the musical expects: Jones and Hagan, the knockabout artists, and Miss Cora Strong were recollect but the the fales propilious

Will smile upon him sweetly; for we're with blue every time.

— Fite Lucy.

Strong were excellent, but the performance of Vancela was by far the hit of the evening, and carned him round after.

round of applause. The performance concluded with the burlesque "Our Minnie."

THE "U. S. HAIL."

Big Socress of the Crever Sattrical A telegram from Hobart Brooks, t gion correspondent of the in St. Louis, it made a hit, that the Olympic Theatre, ch It was played, was crowded doors, and there were many e

The 'U. S. Mall" is a satire on the management of a country postoffice and the postmester, John Moneymaker is a barmless burlesque of Postmester Wanamaker. Like Wana maker, he runs a store as well as Among those in the +U. S. Mall

cast are Georgia Parker, C. B. Haw kins, Marte Bockel, Frank David, San nel Reed and Maggie Fielding. Max F. Thomson, the Washington orrespondent of the Pittsburg Post. will travel with the company, leaves St. Louis for San Francisco a the close of this week.

The Benefit of Newspaper Training. doned Exerett Bate in the September Form believe I have done everythin which an editor or publisher ever has to do, from directing wrappers up to writing the biography of a President within an hour after his death. This means if the training be continued through many years of life, and if one be under a good chief, that one gains, of necessity, the ready use, at least, of his own language. We newspaper men may write English very ill, but we write it easily and quickly. So that to us, who have been in this business there is something amozing to hear a clergyman say that he occupied a week in composing a sermon, which was, at the outside, thirty-five hundred

words in length. One can understand absolute inability to do it at all; but no newspaper man understands how a man who can do it, can spend thirty-six ours in doing it. If you have to send "copy" upstairs hour after hour, with a boy taking the alips from you, one by one, as they are written, and you know that you are read it the next day in the paper, you copy will be punctuated carefully. en carefully, and it will be easily read That is one thing. Another thing goes with it. You will form the habit of determining what you mean to say before you say it, how far you want t and where you want to stop. And this will bring you to a valuable habit o

Vienna, take Vienna. For these reasons, I am apt to recon mend young men to write for the press early in life, being well aware that the habit of deing this has been of use to

life-to stand by what has been de

when he said: "If you set out to take

Napoleon gave the same advice

De'il Tak' the Hin'most, From the Memphis Acutaneha.

There is no administration party. s a sort of contest between Blaine Reed, McKinley, Chandler and Quay They are all playing for points and th President is more of a spectator than a participant. By this time it has come to be understood that he is out of the uestion as far as the leadership of th party in 92 is concerned, and nobody thinks it worth while to inquire what his position is on any point. This is meiarcholy, but none the less true.

### PERSONAL.

Jennie Williams, a soubrette of Tony Pastor, and of late an ornament of various London concert halls, is said to rence Petre of Coptfold Hall, Essex. A marble medallion has recently been ced in the abbey at Tewks England, as a memorial to Dinah Maria Mulock (Mrs. Craik). The town was a

favorite resort of Mrs. Cralk, and she wrote "John Halifax, Gentleman," There is a rumor in San Francisco that Mr. Pixley has concluded to sell the Argonaut. It appears that this periodical has enjoyed little measure of success since Mr. Huntington withdrew the subsidy of \$10,000 a year, which had been paid by the Southern Pacific

Miss Margaret Alford, the young niece of Dean Alford, who has just taken first rank as a classic at Cambridge, has never found that study interfered with her health. She has studied about eight hours a day on an average, and enjoys long walks and plenty of open air ex-ercise. She is also fond of music and sed to find time to practice the violia. Henry M. Stanley was once engaged

to a Greek lady of rank in Athens and referred her parents to Major St. A. D. Balcombe, then editor of the Omaha Re-publican. Stanley at that time did not bear such a reputation in Omaha as would recommend him as the son-inlaw of a person of rank, and Mr. Bal combe never replied to the Greek Con-

mi's letter. Rev. Mr. Wakefield of Warren, Ohio has secured the home formerly occupied by the Garneids as a residence. Among the memorable things therein is a bul-let hole in the wainscot in the library. The story thereof is that, home on a furlough, Garfield was writing late at night, when he went to his wife's bed and asked: "Crete, are you awake?" She said she was a little, and he told her not to be frightened when she heard the report of a platel, for he was going to fire at a confounded rat that was worrying him by guawing away at the woodwork at his feet. He got the rat located by the sound, fired through the board and killed it.

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